



# TOMPKINS COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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## **RESOLUTION NO. 1-2002 – RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF DEVELOPMENT AND PRESERVATION PRINCIPLES OF THE VITAL COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE**

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Planning Department is implementing the Vital Communities Initiative, which seeks to generate a common vision for future land use development in Tompkins County, and

WHEREAS, the Initiative focuses on, among other things, preserving Tompkins County's unique characteristics, its community centers, and its natural and cultural resources, and

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Planning Department has identified Development and Preservation Principles as part of the Vital Communities process after an intensive outreach effort to municipalities, civic and community organizations, and local residents, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Development and Preservation Principles is to help preserve and enhance Tompkins County's community characteristics and attributes that are most cherished, and to help ensure that communities in Tompkins County remain healthy and vibrant, and

WHEREAS, the Development and Preservation Principles can help guide governmental, private, and non-profit groups in Tompkins County as they make decisions that influence land use patterns in neighborhoods and communities throughout the County, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tompkins County Environmental Management Council urges the Tompkins County Board of Representatives to adopt the Development and Preservation Principles, and

RESOLVED, further, that the Tompkins County Environmental Management Council urges the Tompkins County Planning Department, and municipalities and other groups that adopt these Principles, to involve a wide range of racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups in implementation of the Principles.

Date: March 13, 2002

Voting in Favor:

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Voting Against:

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Abstentions:

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